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INFO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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SUBJ: AIR SERVICE BETWEEN INDIA AND BURMA

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1. FOLLOWING RESTORATION MAY 15 BY BURMESE OF INDIAN OVERFLIGHT AND TRANSIT RIGHTS PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED (REFTEL) INDIAN AIRLINES RESUMED MAY 16 WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO PORT BLAIR (ANDAMAN ISLANDS) VIA RANGOON. INDIAN AIRLINES HAS ALSO INAUGURATED TWICE- WEEKLY DIRECT CALCUTTA- PORT BLAIR FLIGHT. INDIAN AUTHORITIES DENY THAT THEY EVER WITHDREW BURMESE RIGHT TO LAND AT CALCUTTA AND OVERFLY INDIA ENROUTE KATHMANDU. MEANWHILE UNION OF BURMA AIRWAYS SPOKESMAN QUOTED IN NEW DELHI PRESS MAY 18 THAT UBA FLIGHTS WOULD REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

2. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT AND PRESS SOURCES IN NEW DELHI, CENTRAL BONE OF CONTENTION IS BURMESE DEMAND FOR PASSENGER RIGHTS FROM CALCUTTA TO KATHMANDU. BURMESE NOW ENJOY ONLY TECHNICAL LANDING RIGHTS IN CALCUTTA ENROUTE KATHMANDU. INDIAN AIRLINES, HOWEVER, OPERATING THREE FLIGHTS A WEEK ON
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ROUTE AND RECENTLY ASSIGNED ONE OF ITS FEW BOEING 737' S TO IT. SAME ROUTE ALSO FLOWN BY ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES TWICE A WEEK AND THAI INTERNATIONAL FOUR TIMES. (IF SCHEDULE MAINTAINED AFTER MAY 10 CRASH LANDING). THUS INDIANS PROBABLY WISH TO AVOID FURTHER DILUTION OF TRAFFIC, AND DECISION TO FLY DIRECT CALCUTTA- PORT BLAIR COULD BE INTERPRETED AS SIGNAL TO BURMESE THAT THEY DON' T NEED TECHNICAL LANDING AT RANGOON AND INTEND TO STICK BY THEIR GUNS IN RESISTING BURMESE DEMAND FOR CALCUTTA-KATHMANDU PASSENGER RIGHTS.
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